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TAGS: CG, PINS, PFOR, US

SUBJECT: ABORTIVE COUP: ATTENTION SHIFTING FROM US "ROLE"
TO INTERNAL SHAKEUP

REF: KINSHASA 6056

1. THERE ARE SIGNS OF AN OFFICIAL SHIFT AWAY FROM SEEKING TO IMPLICATE US IN COUP. IN JULY 3 INTERVIEW BY FRANCE-INTER, EXTENSIVELY REPORTED IN DAILY SALONGO FOR JULY 5, MOBUTU EXPLAINED PLOT IN TERMS OF REACTION BY A FEW ZAIRIANS NOW IN HANDS OF MILITARY JUSTICE AGAINST HIS RADICALIZATION MEASURES OF LAST DECEMBER. VOICE OF ZAIRE ON JULY 5 ALSO CARRIED EXCHANGE FROM THIS INTERVIEW, NOT REPRODUCED IN SALONG ARTICLE, IN WHICH MOBUTU, IN ANSWER TO SPECIFIC QUESTION ABOUT SUPPOSED US INVOLVEMENT, POINTED OUT THAT HIS EARLIER LETTER TO ELIMA ON THIS SUBJECT HAD REFERRED TO "A GREAT POWER" AND NOT TO USG.

2. NEITHER ELIMA NOR SALONG FOR JULY 5 CONTAINS ANY OF REFERENCES, SO FREQUENT IN RECENT PAST, TO CIA OR OTHER POSSIBLE US INVOLVEMENT.

3. US DAY AT FIKIN YESTERDAY WENT VERY WELL. FAIR COMMISSIONER TUMBA SPENT UNUSUALLY LONG TIME TOURING US EXHIBIT AND THEN MADE PARTICULARLY FRIENDLY SPEECH WHICH, WITH MY
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OWN REPLY, WAS REPORTED AT LENGTH IN SALONGO FOR

JULY 5.

4. THEME NOW BEING STRUCK IN MEDIA RUNS AS FOLLOWS: RADICALIZATION MEASURES OF DECEMBER SERVED TO SEPARATE MOBUTU'S COLLABORATORS INTO TWO GROUPS: THE LUKE-WARM, "PASSIVE, "UNENTHUSIASTIC, OLDER TYPES, AND THE DYNAMIC TRUE BELIEVERS IN MOBUTISM. CURRENT MESSAGE IS THAT SHAKEUP IN ARMY MUST BE FOLLOWED BY MAJOR STRUCTURAL REFORMS, SO THAT TRUE BELIEVERS HAVE ALL KEY POSTS.
ANDREW

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